

BIG DAY FOR THE CHINOOK

Bar Dredge Takes Advantage of Fine Weather to Deepen River Entrance.

MENDELL IS STILL SOUNDING

Work Will Not Be Finished for Several Days—Other Maritime Happenings Yesterday.

Yesterday morning the Columbia river bar was unusually quiet. There was practically no wind during the forenoon, and the bar dredge Chinook was enabled to get in between four and five hours' work. She commenced operations about 7 a. m. and did not knock off until the noon hour. In all she put in more than four hours at actual dredging and made several trips out to deep water to unload the deposit taken from the bar.

A gentleman connected with the engineer department stated last evening that yesterday's work of the Chinook was the best yet accomplished by that vessel. Heretofore she has made only a few trips to sea with her big loads of sand, but yesterday she was kept busy for almost five hours. With a continuance of the present fine weather she will be able to take another two feet off the bar within a few days' time, and it will not be long, in the opinion of officers of the ship, until the depth is increased to 30 feet at mean low water.

The government tug Mendell is still engaged in making soundings at the mouth of the river. It is impossible as yet to learn anything of the result of her work, but it was stated yesterday she had ascertained that the depth of water had been materially increased. It is probable the Mendell will be at work most of next week, provided weather conditions are favorable. The announcement of her soundings is anxiously awaited.

LOWER HARBOR ILLUMINATED.

Search Lights at the Forts Light up The Entrance to the River.

Captain Parker, of the steamer Nahcotta, reports that, while he was coming across from Ilwaco Wednesday night, the search lights at Fort Stevens and Columbia were operated for some time. Presumably the lights were being operated for practice. They illuminated the entire lower harbor, and every object on the bay could be plainly seen in the bright glare of the powerful lights.

During the Spanish-American war the Fort Stevens light was frequently operated. This light is one of the most powerful in the west, and its illumination was thrown for many miles. Even on Willapa bay the country was lighted up, and the people living along the Nasel river were startled one night to see the timber there stand out in the glare of the big lights.

It would be utterly impossible for a foreign war vessel to enter the Columbia river, or even arrive off the Heads, without detection.

FIVE LUMBER CARGOES.

Shipments For Past Two Days Exceeded 3,500,000 Feet.

Five lumber carriers have departed from the Columbia river during the past two days, taking more than three and one half million feet of lumber. Of the five vessels, one, the steamer Despatch, left out Wednesday, the others departing yesterday. One of the cargoes, that of the Italian bark Ninfa, is destined for Cape Town, South Africa. The vessels departing Wednesday and Thursday and their cargoes follow:

Haydn Brown	557,000
Henry Wilson	550,000
Volunteer	727,000
Ninfa	1,450,000
Despatch	300,000

Total 3,584,000

It is expected several other lumber carriers will clear before Saturday, and the month's shipments of lumber will be quite large. The rapid increase in the coasting trade is having good effect, and Oregon lumber is being sent to all parts of the world.

The Umpqua Jetty.

The report of Brigadier-General G. L. Gillespie, chief of engineers of the United States army, dated December 28, 1903, on the preliminary examination and survey of the Umpqua river, "with a view to ascertaining whether present needs of commerce require improvements at the mouth thereof,"

states that in the opinion of Major W. C. Langfitt, engineer corps, the expenditure of so "large a sum as \$622,000 can hardly be recommended at the present time." Lieutenant-Colonel W. H. Heuer, division engineer, also reports that the full amount of work estimated for in the project would be necessary to produce and maintain the required depth of water, making the total estimated cost \$892,563.12, and that the cost of the jetties and improvements is incommensurate with the benefits likely to be derived, and that for the present, at least, the improvement is unnecessary and unworthy of being undertaken.

Odd Suit Dismissed.

San Francisco, Jan. 28.—The case of William Herbold against the Union Fish Company and the McCollum Fishing & Trading Company has been decided in the United States district court. Herbold was seeking to recover damages in compensation for being marooned on an island in the Arctic ocean. Judge De Haven decided that neither party carried out the terms of the contract entered into and for that reason he ordered the proceedings dismissed, each party to pay its own costs.

The Cromartyshire Finishes.

The British ship Cromartyshire yesterday completed discharging her coal consignment for this port and cleared for Portland. She discharged in all an even 1000 tons here, of which 500 tons were for S. Elmore & Co., and the balance for the government. The government coal was placed on a barge and sent over to Fort Columbia, where it is now being unloaded. Captain Nichol expects to leave up the river this morning, and will do so if a tow boat is provided.

Marine Notes.

The steamer Vosburg arrived yesterday from Tillamook.

The steamer Fulton arrived yesterday from San Francisco, in ballast.

The steamer W. H. Harrison arrived yesterday from Tillamook, with a cargo of salmon for S. Elmore & Co.

The steamer Despatch, departing Wednesday, took besides 300,000 feet of lumber more than 500 tons of barley, oats and wheat.

The steamer Aberdeen arrived in yesterday from San Francisco with a cargo of general merchandise. She left up the river during the afternoon.

The steamship Elder departed yesterday for San Francisco. She took on at Astoria about 2000 bundles of shooks, 500 sacks of oysters and a large quantity of other freight.

BUNCO EDITOR WANTED IN WASHINGTON TOWN

Spokane, Wash., Jan. 28.—The people of Harrington, near here, have had recent experience with a bunco man, and as usual have come out losers. Three weeks ago a young man dropped into town representing himself to be a world's fair commissioner of some kind, and making a contract with the local paper to print an industrial edition, set about writing up the town giving all the business men and merchants a good write-up, and at the same time taking their orders for a goodly number of papers.

Being a good talker and quite familiar, he was given credit at the hotel and business houses, as every one knew he would have money coming to him when his edition was out. He also succeeded in borrowing a considerable sum of money from different individuals. The special edition was to appear last Friday, and when it failed to come the business men began an investigation, which resulted in the discovery that the young man had disappeared after having collected some money on his contracts and borrowing some from others, leaving a large number of debts unpaid.

Dies Near His Sweetheart.

St. Louis, Jan. 28.—Standing on the front porch of his fiance's home, with his sweetheart watching him from a doorway, Frank Schmidt, aged 22 years, driver for the St. Louis Dressed Beef Company, sent a bullet through his brain, killing himself. No cause is assigned for Schmidt's action further than that he was despondent because of financial straits on the eve of his marriage. The wedding was to have taken place next month.

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